

# **Overview of the Third Quarter 2009 Surveillance and Maintenance Report for the LM Rocky Flats Site**

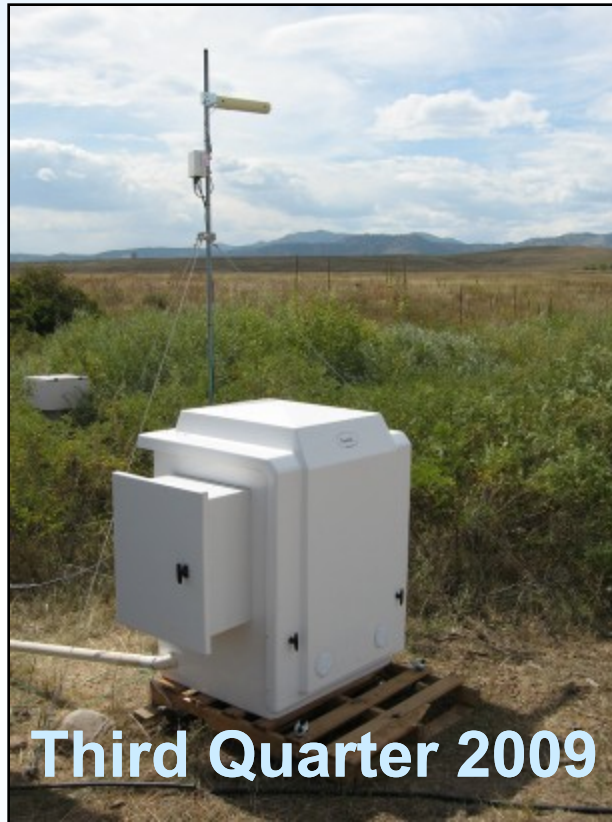


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# Surface Water Monitoring and Operations



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# Pond Operations – Third Quarter 2009

- Terminal Pond Discharges:
  - None
- Transfers:
  - None
- Pond Levels:
  - As of October 1, 2009, Ponds A-3, A-4, B-5, and C-2 and the Landfill Pond were holding approximately 19.2 MG (19.4 percent of capacity)



December 30, 2009,  
Pond Levels

- Landfill (21.3 percent)
- A-3 (11.2 percent)
- A-4 (10.8 percent)
- B-5 (26.0 percent)
- C-2 (11.7 percent)



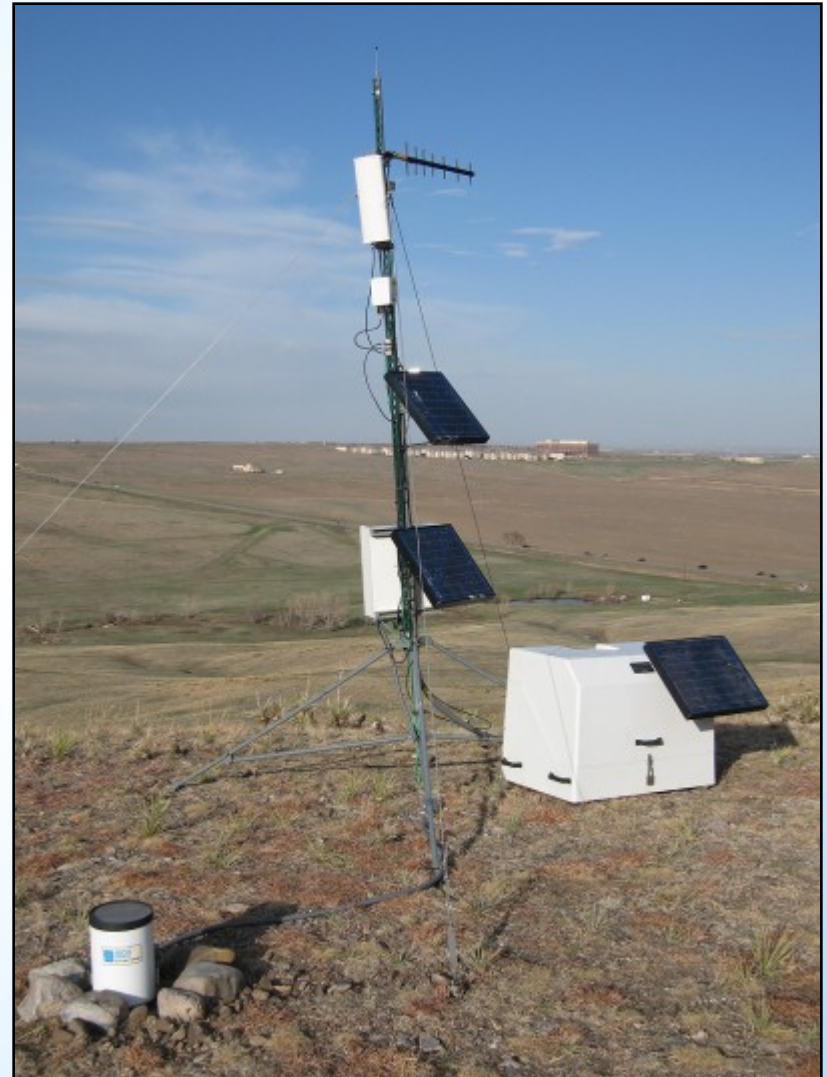
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# Hydrologic Data – Third Quarter 2009

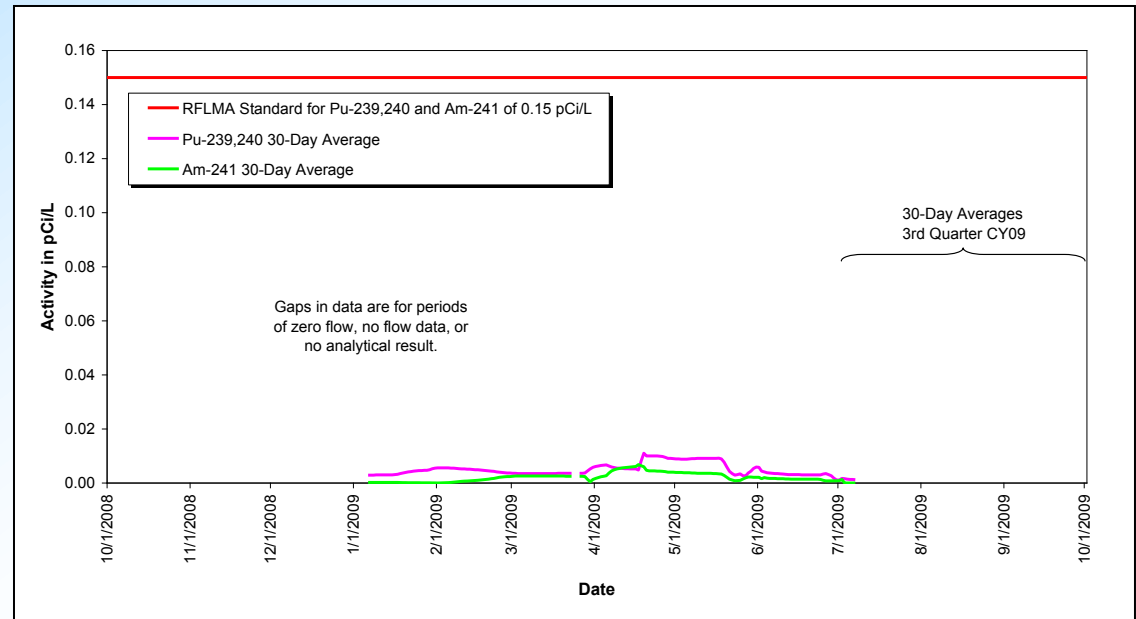
- Precipitation
  - 3.34 inches  
total precipitation
  - 82 percent of  
WY 93–08 average
- Flow rates  
(percentage of average):
  - GS01 (9 percent)
  - GS03 (no flow)
  - GS10 (21 percent)
  - SW027 (no flow)
  - SW093 (16 percent)



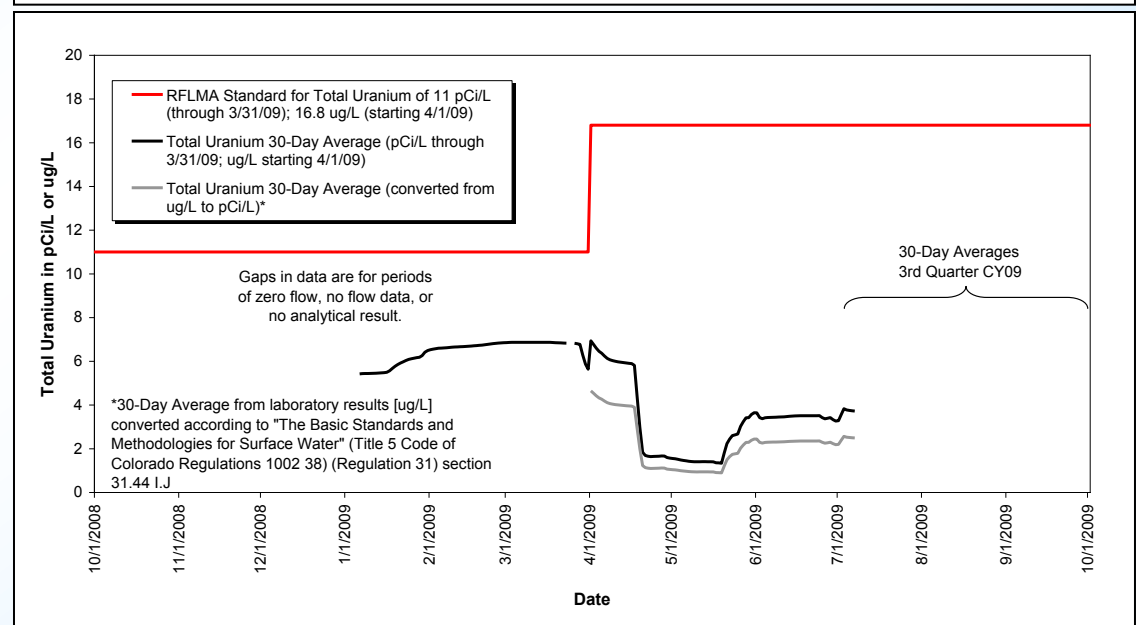


# POC GS01

## ■ Plutonium and Americium



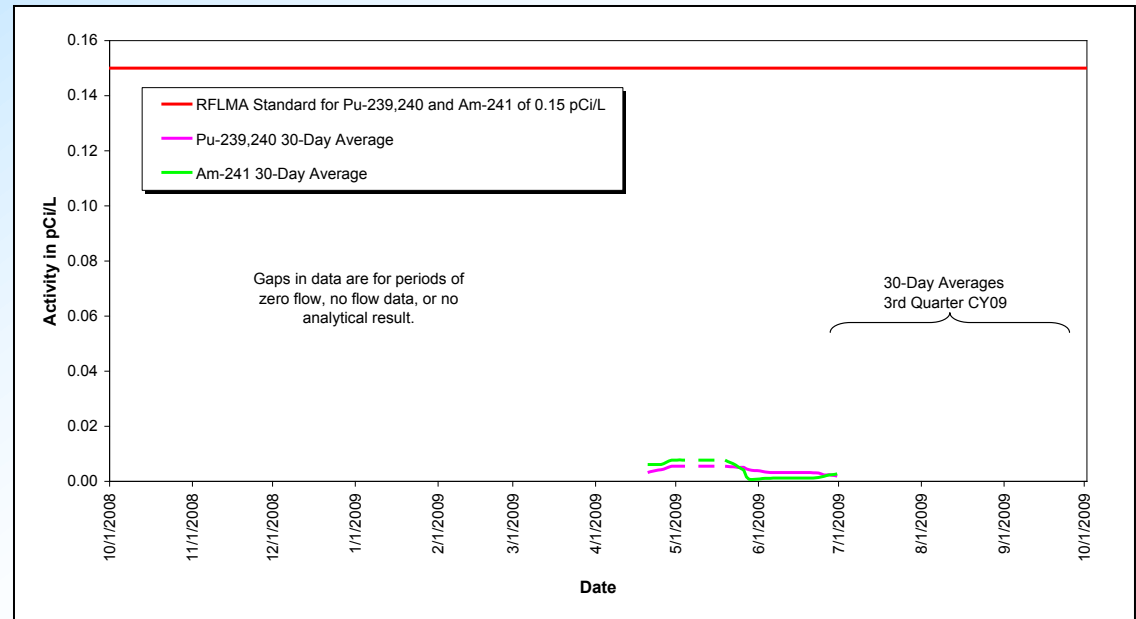
## ■ Total Uranium



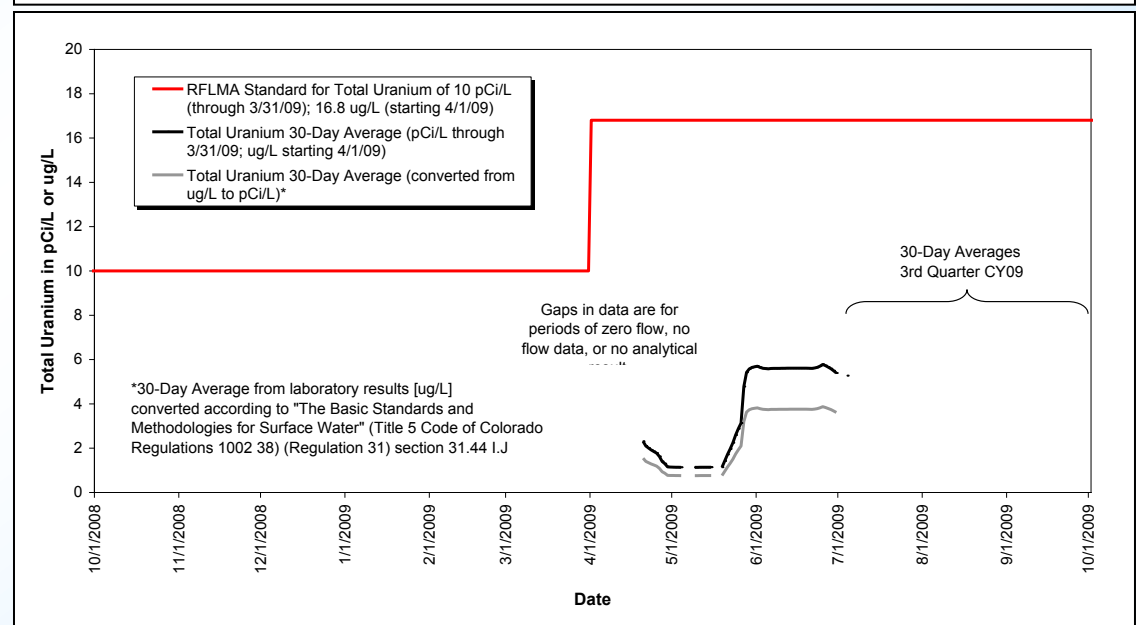


# POC GS03

## ■ Plutonium and Americium



## ■ Total Uranium



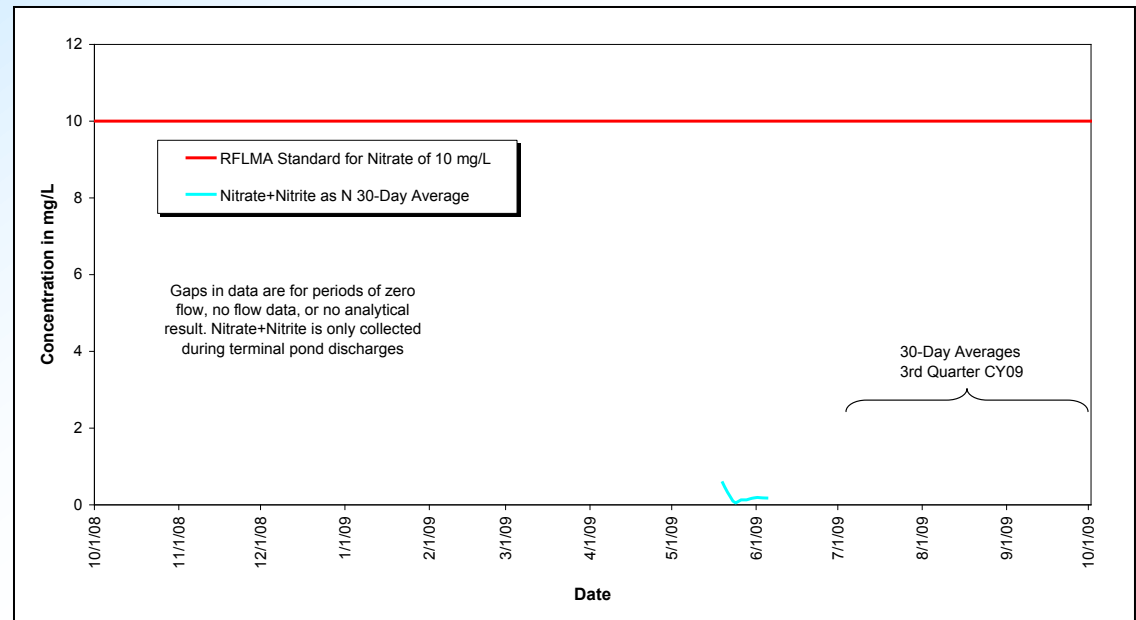
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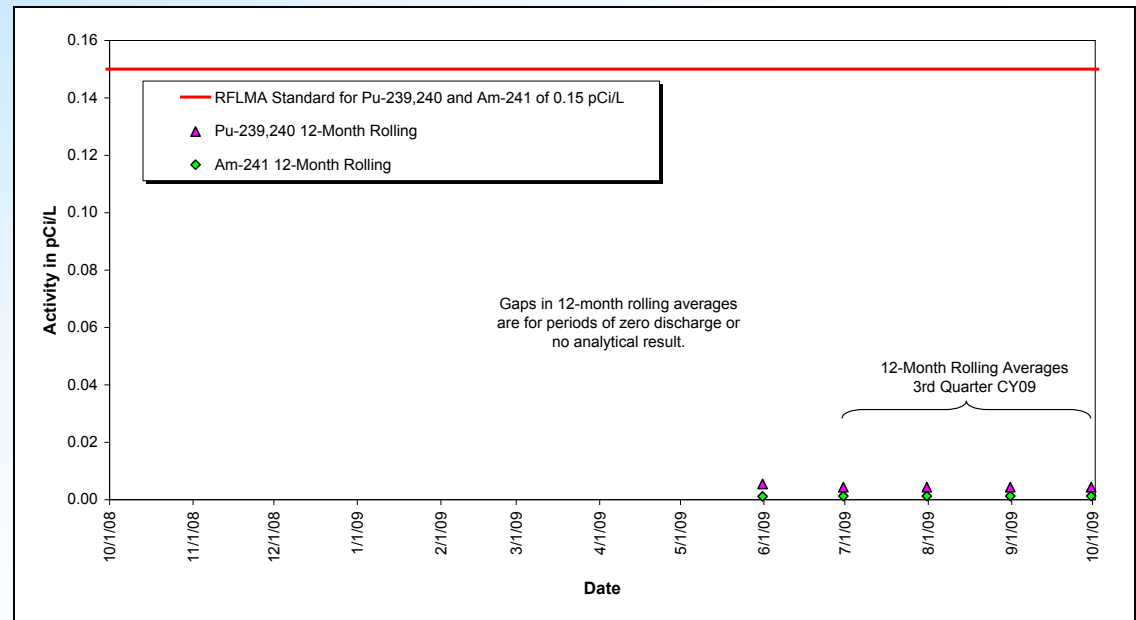
## ■ Nitrate + Nitrite as Nitrogen



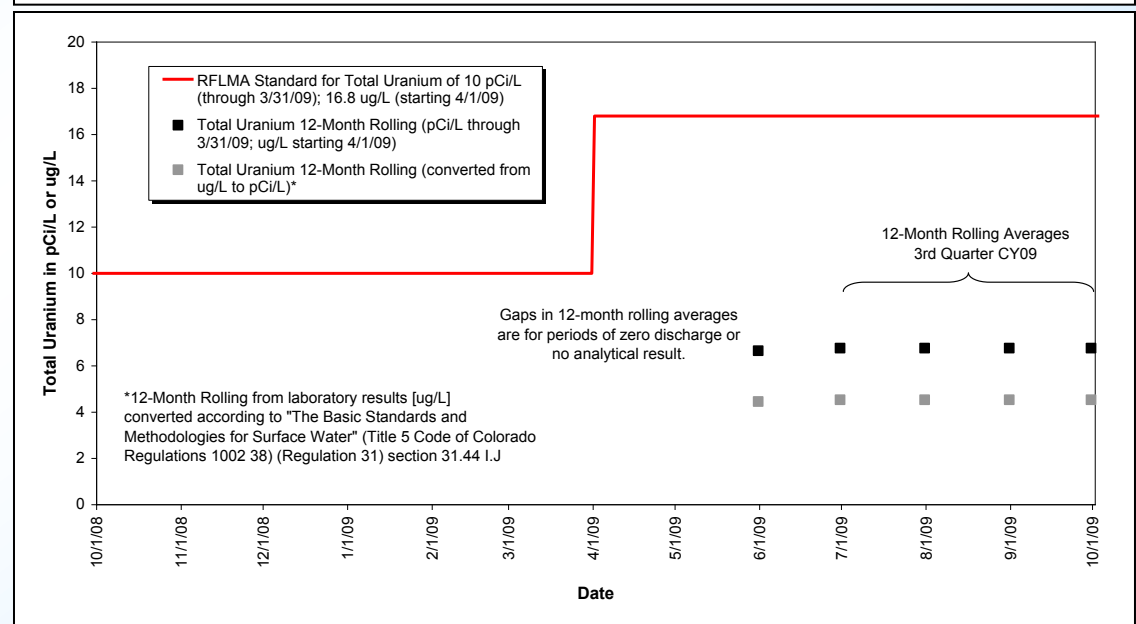


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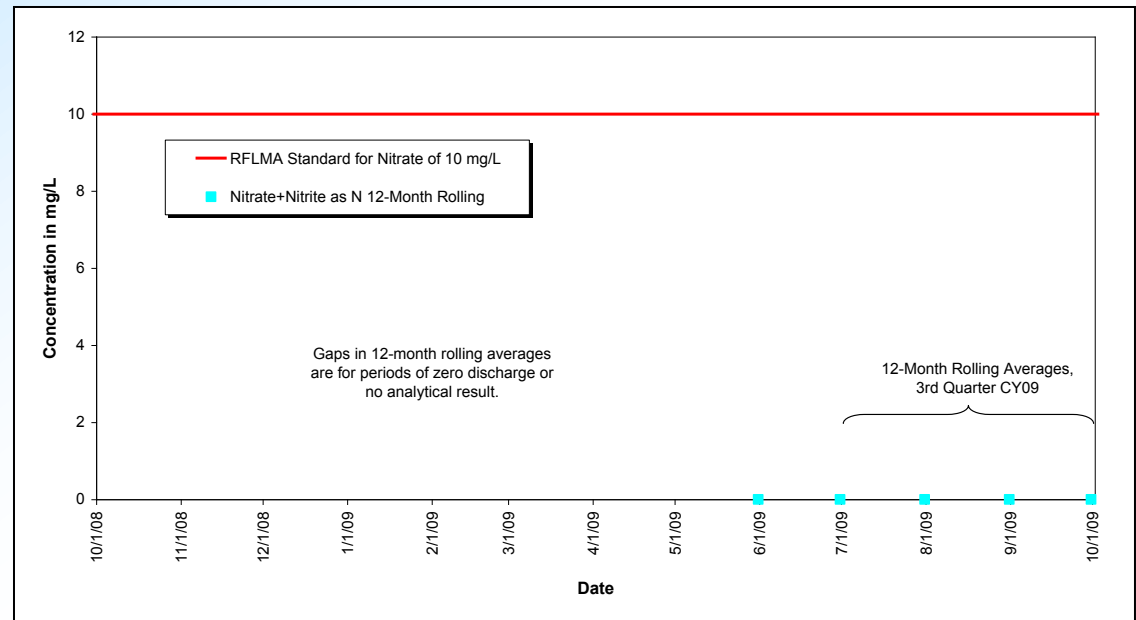
## ■ Total Uranium





# POC GS08

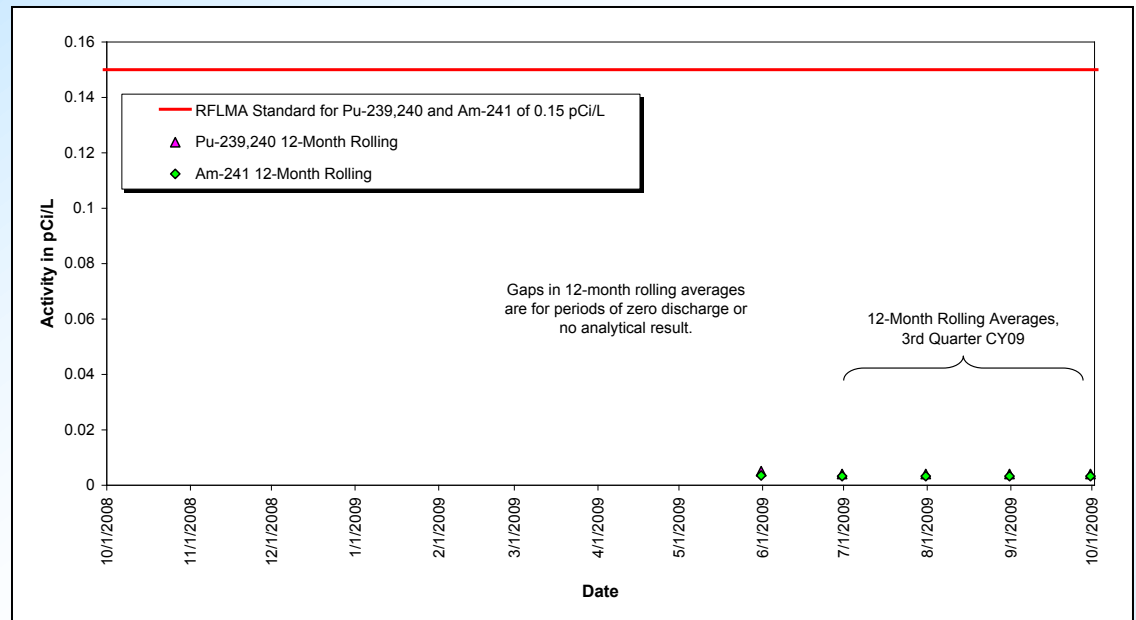
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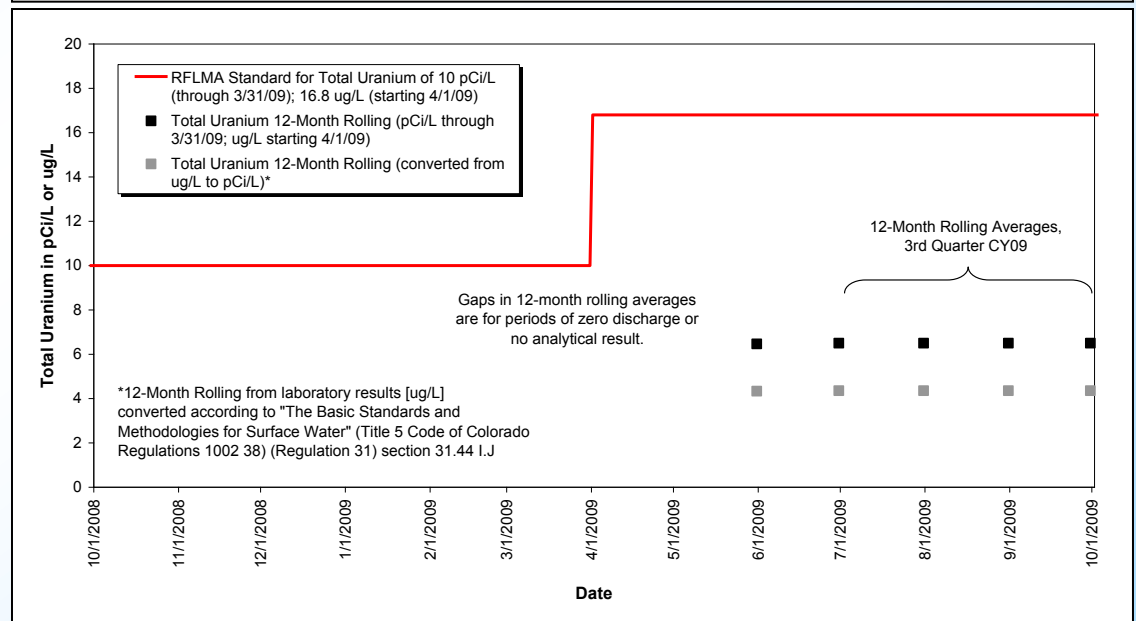


# POC GS11

## ■ Plutonium and Americium



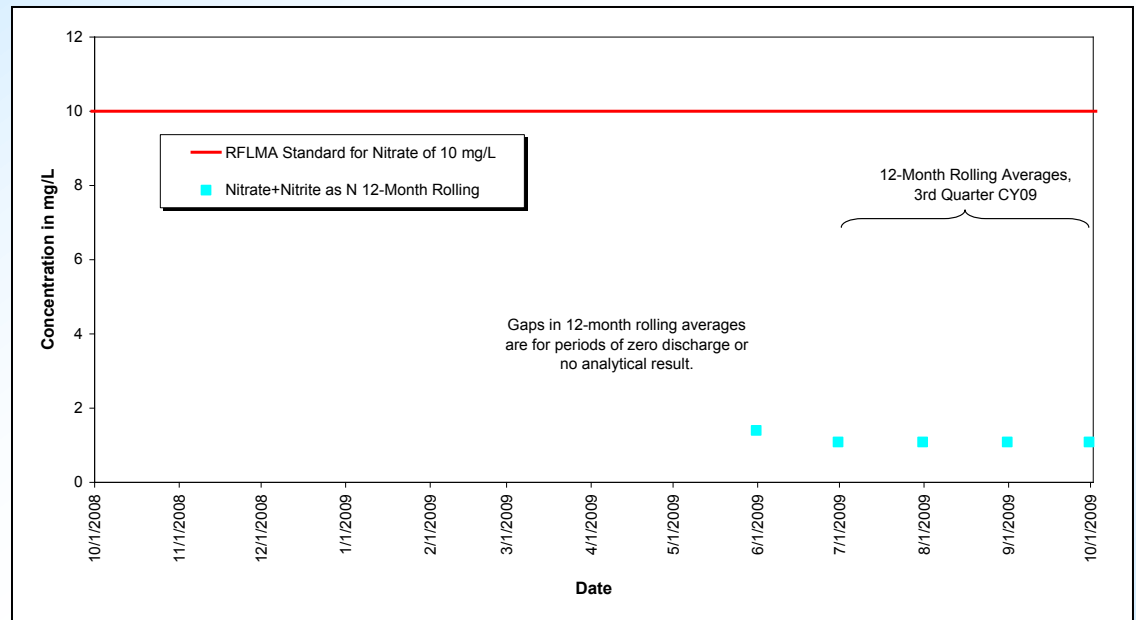
## ■ Total Uranium





# POC GS11

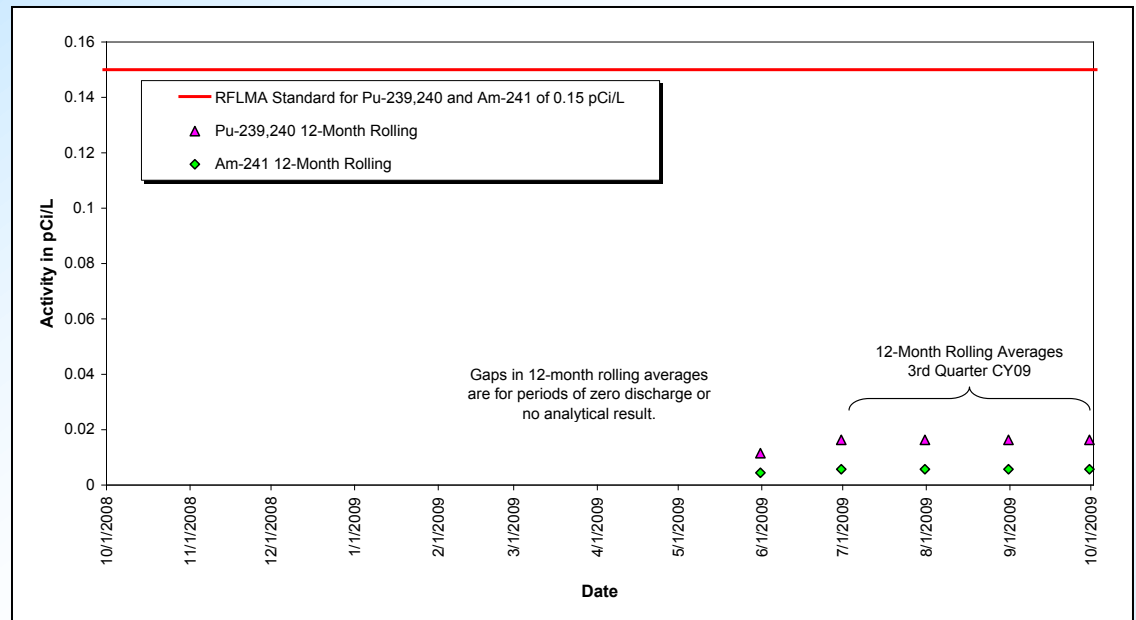
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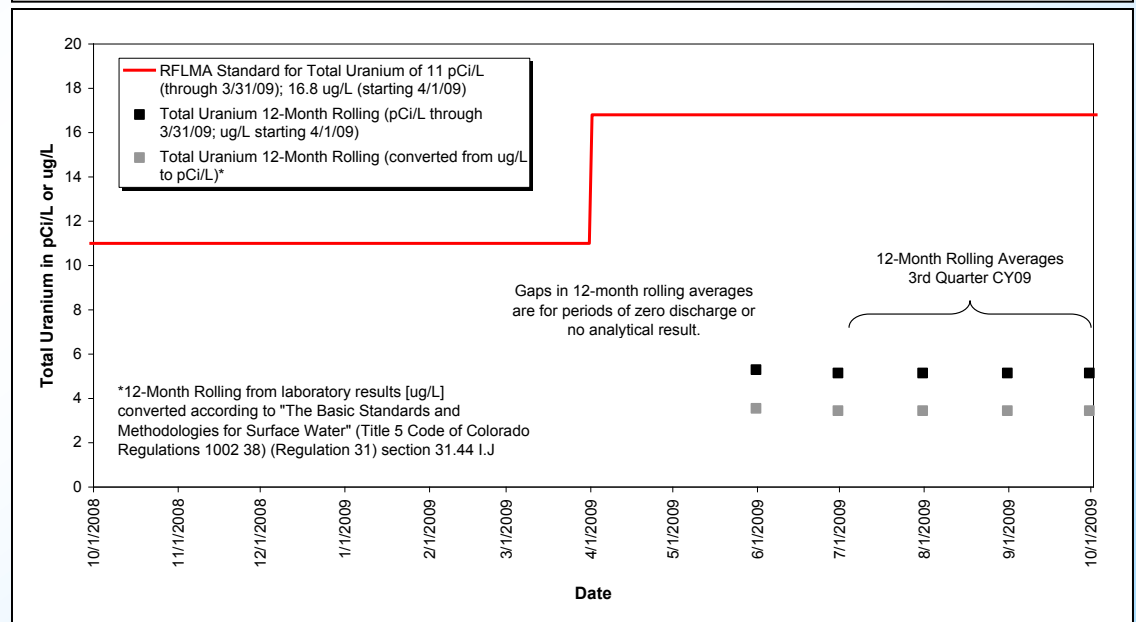


# POC GS31

## ■ Plutonium and Americium



## ■ Total Uranium





# Point of Evaluation Monitoring – Third Quarter 2009

- Water quality at all points of evaluation was below applicable standards





# Performance Monitoring – Third Quarter 2009 Original and Present Landfills

- **Original Landfill (OLF):** Surface water quality results during third quarter 2009 showed acceptable water quality
- **Present Landfill (PLF):** Surface water quality results triggered monthly sampling for vinyl chloride
  - Vinyl chloride was not detected in the second monthly sample; monthly sampling was discontinued





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# RFLMA Monitoring

- Third quarter is a light sampling quarter
  - All RCRA wells (six at PLF, four at OLF)
- Results will be evaluated in the 2009 annual report





# ETPTS Project Update

- Media replacement and system upgrades project
  - Completed November 9
  - System operation resumed immediately
  - Preliminary results indicate system is operating properly



# ETPTS Project (continued)



Project area, 2007



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# ETPTS Project (continued)



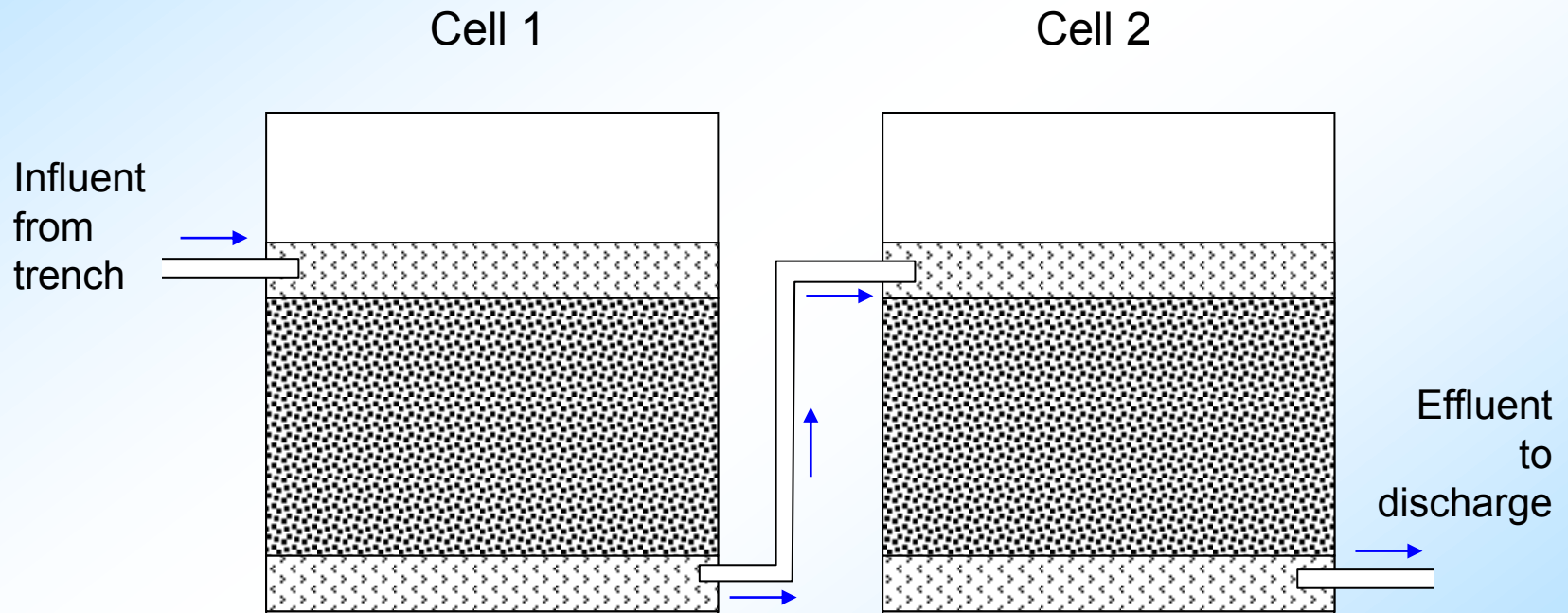
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# ETPTS Project (continued)

- Previous configuration: series, downflow





# ETPTS Project (continued)

## ■ Potential effects of series flow:

- Cell 1 media clogs or becomes ineffective more rapidly and more thoroughly than Cell 2 media
- Media replacement is required sooner
- Cell 2 media gets replaced before it really needs it (cost efficiencies in mobilization/demobilization, labor, equipment, etc.)

## ■ Potential effects of downflow:

- Media more readily develops preferential pathways (water trickles downward with gravity assistance, rather than seeping upward against gravity)
- Cannot push more water through the system than media permeability allows – water will simply overtop the cell
- Must replace media as dictated by media permeability (clogging) rather than by effluent water quality





# ETPTS Project (continued)



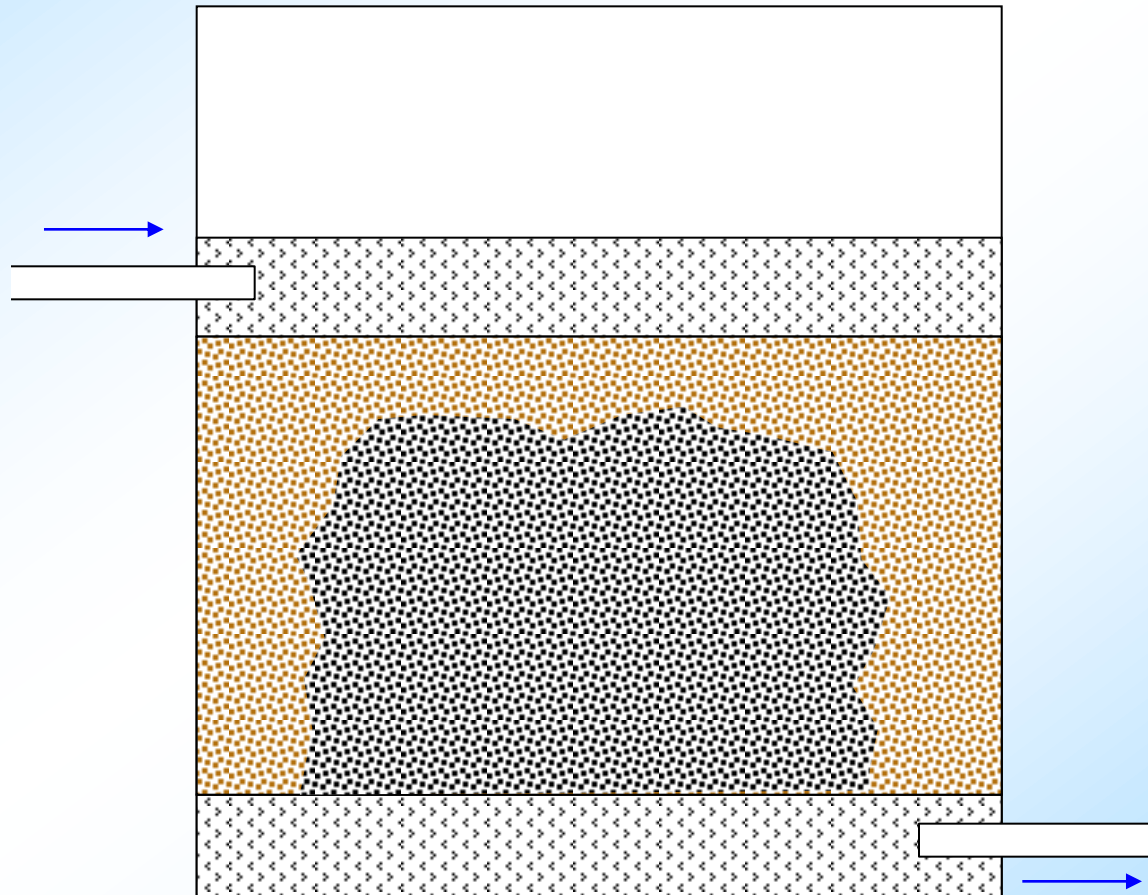
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# ETPTS Project (continued)

- Much of central portion of media was not oxidized; was ineffective in water treatment





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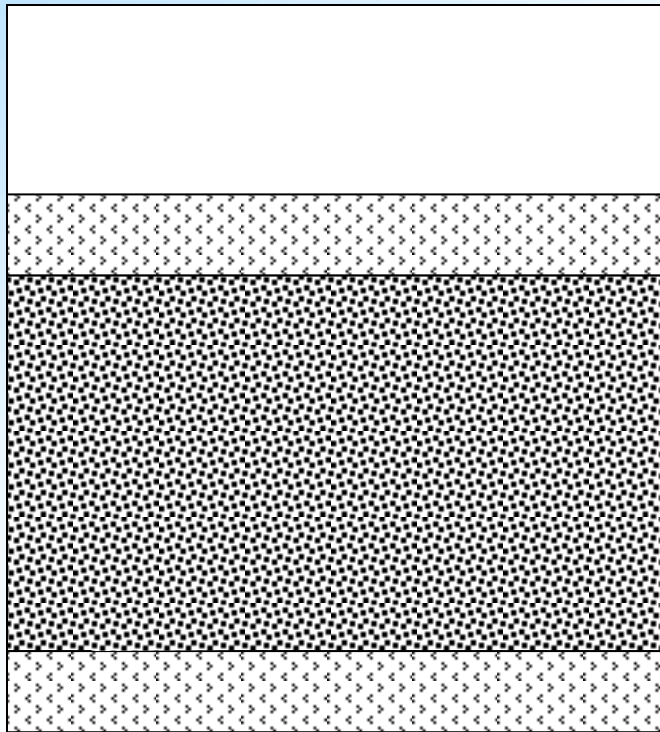
- Addressed short-circuiting and improved treatment effectiveness
  - Redesigned media
  - Used improved distribution gallery design
  - Changed primary operating configuration
- Prepared for next media replacement
  - Installed liner around inside of cell so media will not adhere to cell walls (in the past, has required jackhammer to remove)
- Reduced long-term maintenance needs
  - Eliminated buried valves (can cause problems; SPPTS in 2006)
  - Installed new flow-control vault directly between cells (easy access, eliminates pipe “spaghetti” that can lead to clogging)
  - Most pipes are now inside pipe liners; if clogging develops, can easily replace during media replacement without excavating



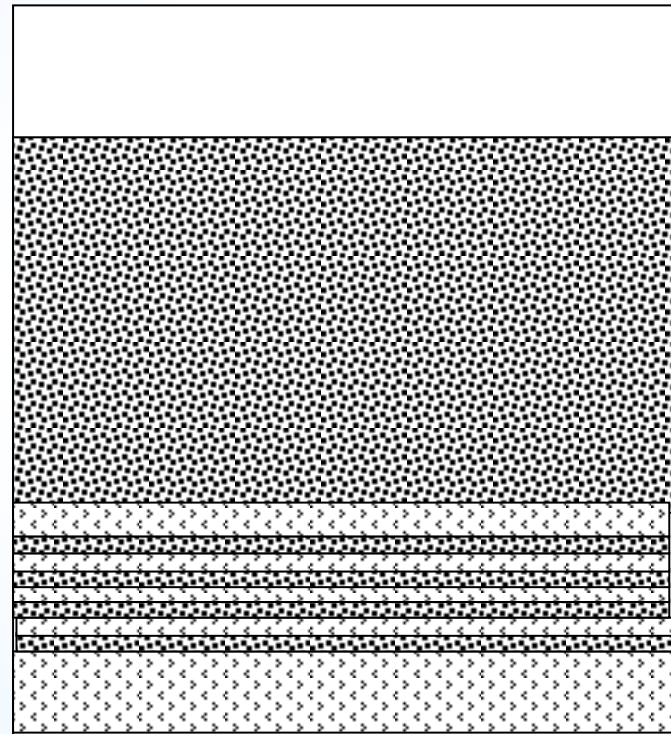


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Old media design



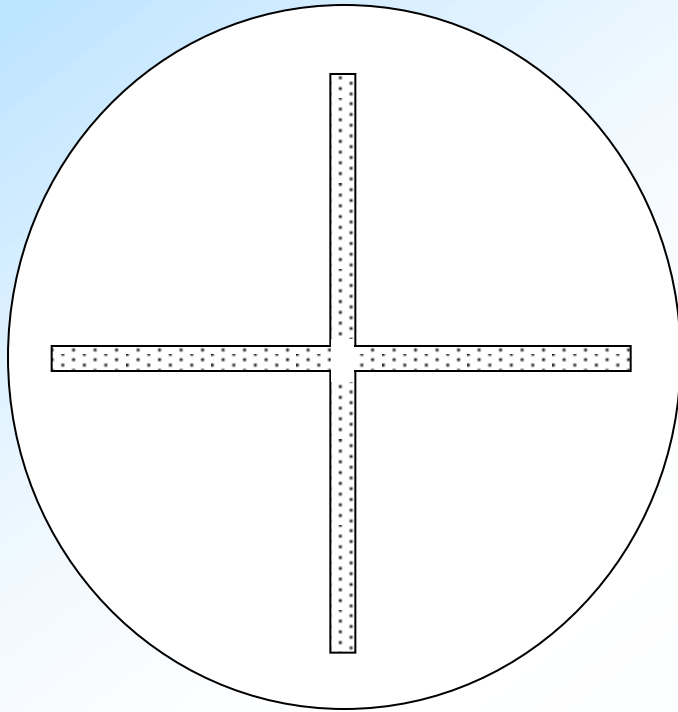
New media design





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Old distribution gallery



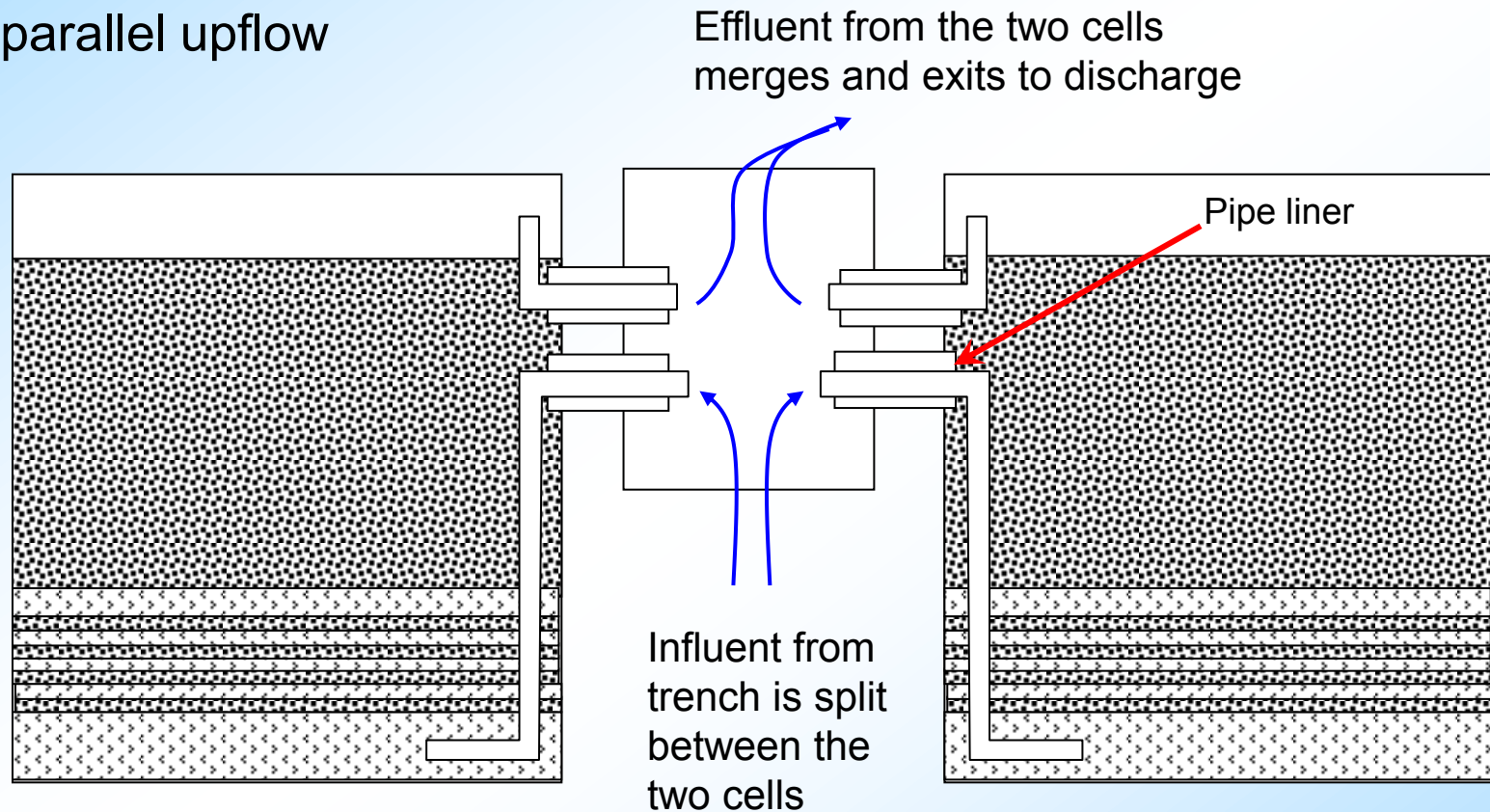
New distribution gallery





# ETPTS Project (continued)

New configuration:  
parallel upflow





# ETPTS Project (continued)



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- Buried valves replaced by flow-control vault





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# SPPTS Update

- Nitrate and uranium concentrations at SPOUT remain consistent with past report
- Insulation was added to cells and vaults to reduce effects of cold temperatures
- Phosphate (essential nutrient) was added to carbon source feeding Phase III Cell A
- Phase II: Uranium treatment cell
  - New technical advisor (geochemist) was added to SPPTS technical team to assist investigations of incomplete treatment
- Results will be provided and discussed in the 2009 annual report





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# Site Operations

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# OLF Inspections

- Monthly inspections at the OLF were completed on July 30, August 26, and September 28
- A vegetation inspection was completed on August 20





# OLF Seeps

- Seep 4 had some surface expression, but did not show any surface flow. This is likely due to the rock drain that was installed during the West Perimeter Channel Regrade Project.
- Seep 8 flowed at a rate of 1 to 2 gpm throughout the third quarter
- The rock drain located at the base of the West Perimeter Channel flowed temporarily after precipitation events, but was dry throughout most of the third quarter
- Seep 7 showed a surface flow of approximately 0.1 gpm during the July inspection. The area was dry during subsequent inspections following the adjustment completed on the drain extension





# OLF Seep 7 Drain Extension Adjustment

- As part of the OLF geotechnical investigation, an extension to the original Seep 7 subsurface drain was installed in the OLF cover soil in September 2008
- Surface flow along the eastern edge of the drain (below inclinometer 82508I) was observed during second quarter 2009
- The planned adjustment to hand-excavate the drain edge and open the geotextile fabric to make the edge more porous was made on July 23 and August 19 and is completed
- No further surface expression was noted in this localized area throughout the rest of the third quarter





# OLF Settlement Monuments and Inclinometers

- Settlement monuments were surveyed on September 30; data are within the expected range per the OLF Monitoring and Maintenance Plan, which is between 1.34 and 2.86 feet depending on the location
- Inclinometers were measured on July 22, August 18, and September 28
- Very little deflection was noted indicating that the movement observed during second quarter in the area between Berms 1 and 3 on the western end of the landfill did not continue





# OLF Slumps

- Areas where the landfill cover is pushed up or rolling are noticeable on the western end of the OLF between Berms 2 and 3; however, the areas continue to remain free of any surface cracking
- A new 140-foot-long, narrow, continuous crack that runs along the north and south sides of Berm 1 was noticed during a nonroutine inspection of the OLF on July 22
  - This crack is in the same general location of large cracks that appeared in 2006 and 2007 and observed again during second quarter 2009
  - The crack was filled and compacted with Rocky Flats Alluvium on July 22; subsequent inspections throughout the third quarter showed no new movement



# OLF Observed Crack Location



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# OLF Berm 1 Crack



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# OLF Berm 1 Crack



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# PLF Inspections and Surveys

- The quarterly inspection was completed on August 27
- No areas of concern were observed
- The vegetation inspection was completed on August 19





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